REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14 and 18-35 remain pending in the present application. Claims 13 and 15-17 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 12 have been amended. Claims 18-35 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nonogaki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,625,478) in view of Sidoway, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,473,631). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-7, 8 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over Nonogaki (US006625478B1) in view of Siddoway et al (US006473631B1). Claims 1, 7, 8 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 15 and now they recite that the control means comprises a single CPU which carries out the standby operation for monitoring the incoming call and the image processing operation for processing the image captured by the camera. For example, when the image capturing operation is carried out by the single CPU, the standby operation is prohibited. This feature adds a significant advantage for reducing the load of the single CPU. With respect to Claim 15, the Examiner recites that "combination of Nonogaki and Siddoway further teaches that the control means includes a single CPU, which carries out the standby operation for monitoring the incoming call and the image processing operation for processing the image captured by the camera (see Nonogaki figure 1 and item 301, column 3 and lines 12-41)." However, unlike

Claim 1, Nonogaki teaches the two separate CPUs, i.e., the CPU 201 for the image processing and the CPU 301 for the monitoring of the incoming call. Column 4, lines 16-20 state that the AV processing block 200 may include a CPU 201 to reproduce music data and image data. Column 4, lines 51-55 state that telephone processing block 300 may include a CPU 301 to process the telephone function. Thus, Nonogaki uses two CPUs 201 and 301 and not a single CPU as is defined in amended Claims 1, 7, 8 and 12. In Nonogaki, since the image processing and the monitoring of the incoming call are carried out by the separate CPUs, there is no need or motivation to prohibit the standby operation to reduce the load of the single CPU when the image capturing operation is carried out by the single CPU. Siddoway teaches the CPU 322 dedicated to the camera and thus also fails to teach the single CPU, which carries out the standby operation for monitoring the incoming call and the image processing operation for processing the image captured by the camera. Thus, even when Nonogaki and Siddoway are combined, there is no motivation to provide the single CPU, which carries out the standby operation for monitoring the incoming call and the image processing operation.

Thus, Applicants believe Claims 1, 7, 8 and 12, as amended, patentably distinguish over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 2-6, 11, 12 and 14, which ultimately depend from one of these claims, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New Claims 18-35 are dependent claims which Applicants belive properly further limit their respective base claim.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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